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Applicant : Drewes, et al.
Appl. No. : 10/684,967
Filed : October 14, 2003
For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
REDUCING SHORTING IN
MEMORY CELLS
Examiner : Pamela E. Perkins
Group Art Unit : 2822

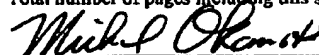
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF
OCTOBER 3, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In an action mailed October 3, 2005, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I Claims 1-41, drawn to a method of forming a magnetic cell, classified in class 438, subclass 3; and
- Group II Claims 42-57, drawn to a magnetic memory cell, classified in class 257, subclass 295.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect to proceed, without traverse, with prosecution on the merits of Group I (Claims 1-41) drawn to the method of forming a magnetic cell.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for examination on the merits, and respectfully request the same.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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